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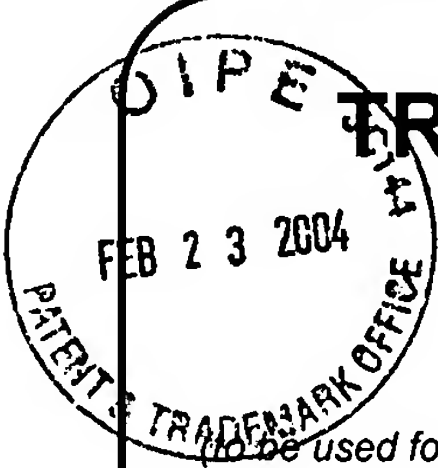
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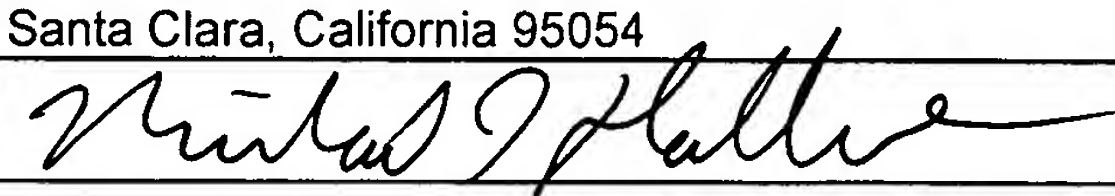
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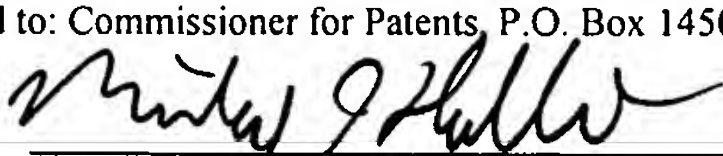
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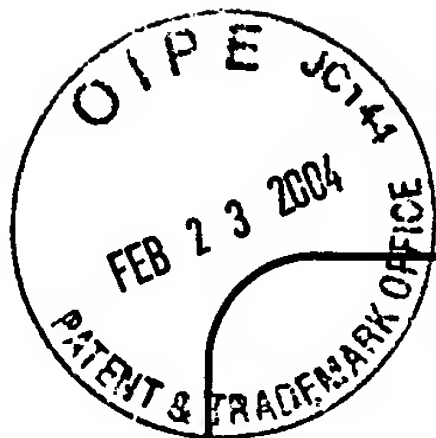
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents numbered 12-13 are also submitted herewith. The remaining documents are not attached hereto, because these documents are issued patents which are readily available in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner is requested to make all of the listed documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) as it is after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Action or Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, a fee is required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p). A Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission.

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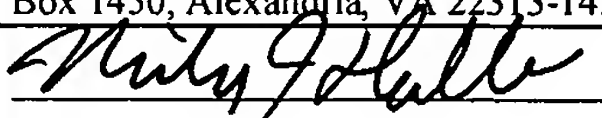
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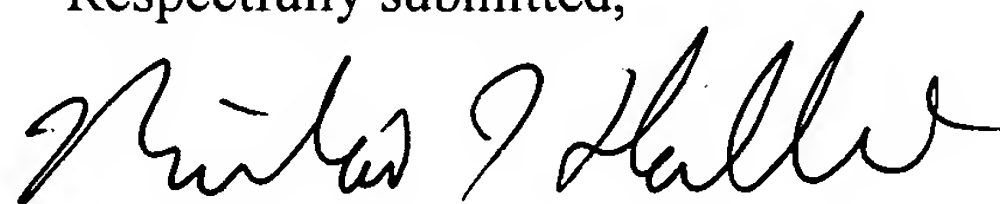
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1.	09/929,625	Pablo I. Rovira	08/13/01
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	1.	US 2003/0020912	01-2003	Norton et al.	356	369	
	2.	US 4,298,283	11-1981	Makosch et al.	356	495	
	3.	US 4,583,855	04-1986	Baraket, Noah	356	491	
	4.	US 4,859,017	08-1989	Brierley et al.	385	27	
	5.	US 4,872,755	10-1989	Kuchel, Michael	356	495	
	6.	US 5,561,525	10-1996	Toyonga et al.	356	512	
	7.	US 6,052,188	04-2000	Fluckiger et al.	356	369	
	8.	US 6,201,609	03-2001	Hill et al.	356	491	
	9.	US 6,304,330	10-2001	Millerd et al.	356	521	
	10.	US 6,452,682	09-2002	Hill et al.	356	493	
	11.	US 6,515,745	02-2003	Vurens et al.	356	369	

Foreign Patent Documents

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	12.	WO 02/15238 A2	Feb. 21, 2002	PCT	H01L	21/00		
	13.	WO 02/16893 A2	Feb. 28, 2002	PCT	G01J			

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